

# DNREC's First State Heritage Park invites visitors to venture into 'Dark Dover' Oct. 19 and 26



Dark Dover highlights the sinister characters of The Green.

**DOVER** –DNREC's First State Heritage Park's most popular event returns to The Green this Halloween season. During the park's "Dark Dover" program, visitors will witness firsthand chilling true stories, and encounter characters whose legends have left their sinister imprint on The Green in Dover.

Eighteenth-century judge Samuel Chew and the murdered servant Cooch Turner are just two of the specters who will appear on this most unusual tour through the Dover Green. Unusual twists include an unexpected re-telling of the "Poison Candy Murder" tale from the point of view of the victim's deceitful and philandering husband, who attempts to clear his name. The mid-20th-century "Lonely Hearts" murder case adds a grisly but

humorous touch to the tour.

To find out what lurks in the shadows, join the First State Heritage Park by moonlight on Fridays, Oct. 19 and 26. The hour-long program is presented at 7 p.m. and again at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Call 302-739-9194 to reserve your spot. Tours will meet at the John Bell House on The Green in Dover.

The First State Heritage Park is Delaware's first urban "park without boundaries," linking historic and cultural sites in the city that has been the seat of state government since 1777. The park is a partnership of state agencies under the leadership of DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation, working in collaboration with city and county government, nonprofit organizations and the private sector.

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